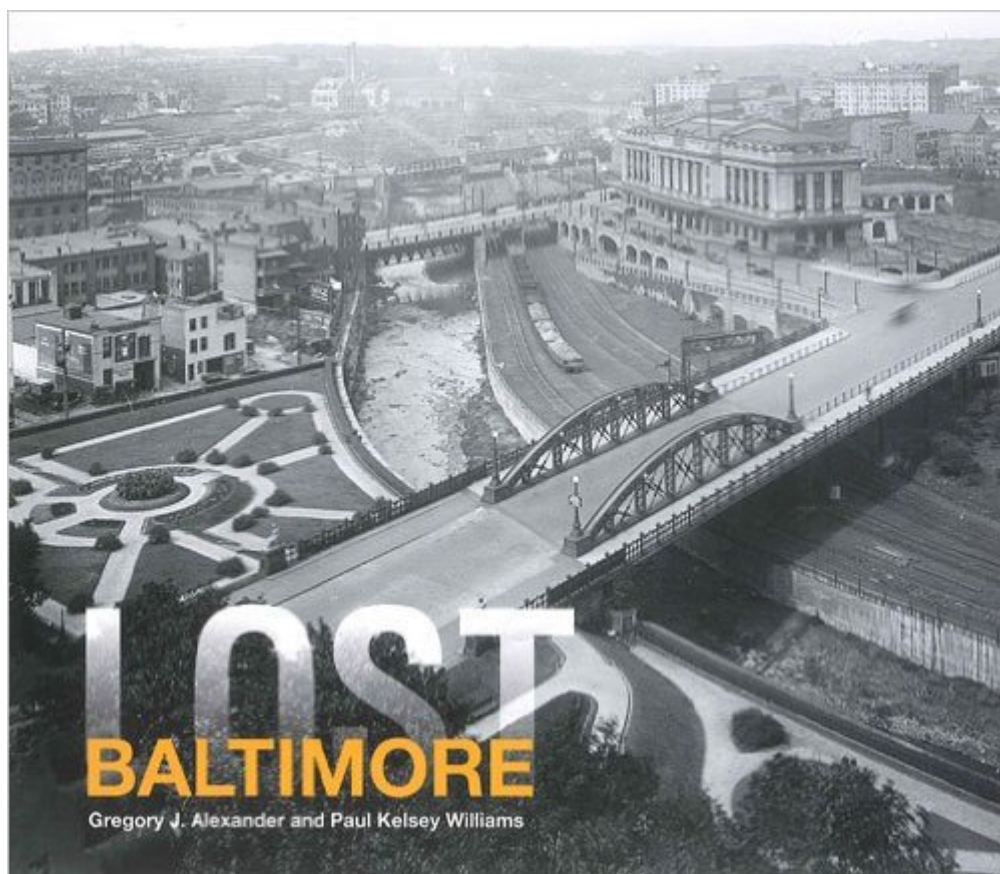


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# Lost Baltimore



## Synopsis

ÂA celebration of the cherished parts of Baltimore that are no longerÂ Baltimore today is visited by millions of tourists who come to see the world-famous Inner Harbor, sample mouth-watering blue crabs, take in an Orioles game at legendary Camden Yards, or explore the many cultural and higher education institutions. Locals, meanwhile, enjoy living in a city that is large enough to provide great restaurants and plenty of special events, while it retains its small-town attitude that has earned it its âœCharm Cityâ • nickname. However, many locals and tourists may not know that Baltimore was once a bustling port city where manufacturing, shipping, and shipbuilding dominated the industrial center of downtown Baltimore.Â Lost Baltimore features rarely published images of homes, buildings, industrial ports, and other commercial entities that have been razed, damaged, and significantly altered over the years, including the large estates of north Baltimore, Merchantsâ™ Exchange, Union Station, Electric Park, Rennert Hotel, Light Street Wharves, downtown theaters, Memorial Stadium, Hutzlerâ™s Department Store, and Bethlehem Steel. Also included are the devastating Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 and the iconic buildings that perished, such as the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad headquarters, the Sun Iron Building, and the News American Building.Â Lost Baltimore also covers important historical events that have shaped the physical landscape and societal fabric of Baltimoreâ”the heartbreaking move by the Baltimore Colts in 1984, Baltimoreâ™s early dominance as the headquarters of national political conventions, Prohibitionâ™s effect on the German breweries, the cityâ™s changing industrial and commercial makeup, as well as some of the most recent hotly contested historical preservation battles. Open these pages and take a step back in time to reveal the Baltimore that once was.

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Baltimore, Maryland was once the second largest city in the United States, the second largest port of entry for immigrants after Ellis Island, and a thriving harbor, railroad hub, and industrial center. Over the years, Baltimore has reinvented itself many times. The changes that this venerable American city has undergone and its past, forgotten character are the focus of this new photographic history, "Lost Baltimore" (2013) by Gregory Alexander and Paul Kelsey Williams. Alexander and Williams have each written books about the local history of Baltimore and of Washington, D.C. for the Images of America series and elsewhere. "Lost Baltimore" is a coffee table sized, hardback on glossy photographic paper. The book consists of rare, clearly reproduced photographs of vanished or transformed aspects of the city taken from the Library of Congress and from other sources. With the exception of a photograph of a young woman polishing the marble steps of her Baltimore rowhouse, and photos of the "Arabber" street vendors late in the volume, the photos are in black and white. The authors present the photographs chronologically, beginning in 1860 and ending in 2012, for the time a particular landmark or practice vanished from the city landscape. The book also includes extensive written commentary on each photograph as the authors describe the background of each landmark and the reasons it passed into history. The Baltimore fire of 1904 constituted a pivotal moment in the city's history. Between February 7-9, 1904, a fire destroyed more than 1500 buildings in Baltimore's downtown, devastating the city and resulting in more than \$150 million in damages in 1904 dollars.

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